## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

## (ROANOKE DIVISION)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL. LUTHER STRANGE, in his official capacity as the Attorney General of Alabama; ALABAMA Civil Action No. 7:16-cv-00462-GEC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT; THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, ENERGY AND NOTICE OF LODGING OF ENVIRONMENT CABINET; THE STATE CONSENT DECREE OF TENNESSEE, EX REL. HERBERT H. SLATERY III, in his official capacity as the Attorney General and Reporter of Tennessee; and THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, Plaintiffs, v. SOUTHERN COAL CORPORATION; JUSTICE COAL OF ALABAMA, LLC; A & G COAL CORPORATION; FOUR STAR RESOURCES LLC; INFINITY ENERGY, INC.; KENTUCKY FUEL CORPORATION; SEQUOIA ENERGY, LLC; VIRGINIA FUEL CORPORATION; NATIONAL COAL, LLC; PREMIUM COAL COMPANY, INCORPORATED; S AND H MINING INC.; AIRWAY RESOURCES, L.L.C.; BADEN RECLAMATION COMPANY; BLACK RIVER COAL, LLC; CHESTNUT LAND HOLDINGS, LLC; MEG-LYNN LAND COMPANY, INC.; NINE MILE MINING, INC.; CANE PATCH MINING CO., INC.; BLUESTONE RESOURCES INC.; DYNAMIC ENERGY, INC.; GREENTHORN, LLC; JUSTICE HIGHWALL MINING, INC.; NATIONAL RESOURCES, INC.; NUFAC MINING COMPANY, INC.; PAY CAR MINING, INC.; SECOND STERLING CORP.; AND NEWGATE DEVELOPMENT OF BECKLEY LLC

Defendants.

The United States hereby gives notice of lodging of a proposed Consent Decree in the

above-captioned action. The attached proposed Consent Decree will resolve all claims alleged

by the United States against the Defendants in the Complaint in this action, filed simultaneously

with this Notice of Lodging.

The United States respectfully requests that the Court not sign the proposed Consent

Decree at this time. Instead, consistent with Department of Justice policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, the

United States will publish in the Federal Register a notice that the proposed Consent Decree has

been lodged with the Court. The Notice will solicit public comment for a period of 30 days.

During the comment period, no action is required by the Court. If, after review and evaluation of

any comments received, the United States continues to believe that the Consent Decree is fair,

reasonable, and in the public interest, it will move the Court to enter the Consent Decree.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 29, 2016, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree and a copy of the Consent Decree by e-mail and U.S. mail to:

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